



**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF IOWA**

**IN THE MATTER OF TEMPORARY )  
RULES GOVERNING THE )  
ELECTRONIC DOCUMENT )  
MANAGEMENT SYSTEM AND USE )  
OF STANDARD FORMS OF )  
PLEADINGS FOR SMALL CLAIMS )  
ACTIONS )**

**SUPERVISORY ORDER**

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By Order dated March 28, 2011, the court rescinded Chapter 3 of the Iowa Court Rules, Standard Forms of Pleadings for Small Claims Actions in its entirety and approved and adopted the revised Chapter 3 of the Iowa Court Rules to take effect April 4, 2011. The new Small Claims form pleadings, however, require significant format and technical modification to be compatible with the Electronic Document Management System (EDMS). Due to budgetary constraints and personnel shortages within the Judicial Branch, such modifications have not been completed. Until such time as the required modifications to the Small Claims forms have been made, litigants who are using EDMS for Small Claims actions may continue to use the existing forms now available through EDMS and the eFiling website of the Iowa Judicial Branch, which provides links to Small Claims Division Fillable Forms.

The court hereby amends the temporary rules governing EDMS to exempt electronic filers in Small Claims actions from the requirement of using the new Small Claims form pleadings the court approved and adopted by Order dated March 28, 2011. Until further notice of this court, these rules shall govern the filing of all documents in cases commenced on or after the initiation of electronic filing in a particular county or in the appellate courts. In addition, these rules shall govern the filing of all documents in any cases converted to electronic format in those counties or in the appellate courts.

Because this rule is temporary and subject to limited application, it shall not be published in the Iowa Court Rules.

Dated this 4th day of April, 2011.

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By Mark S. Cady  
Mark S. Cady, Chief Justice